YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

HANGAR HAPPENINGS

The Newsletter of the Yankee Air Museum

What's happening in and about the Yankee Air Museum

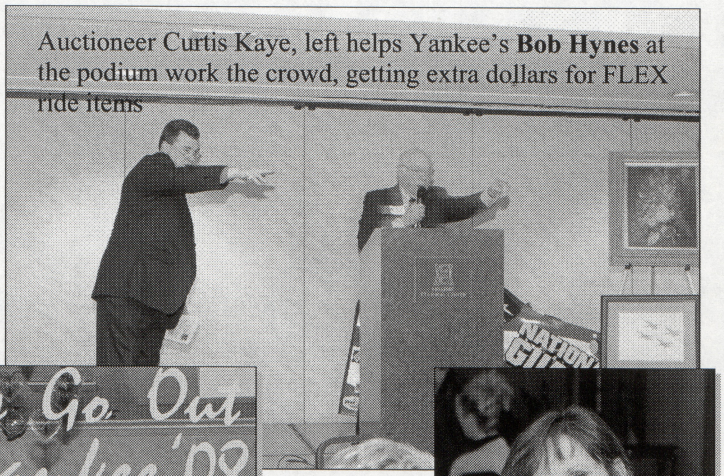
POLISHING PARTY APRIL 5TH

APRIL 2008

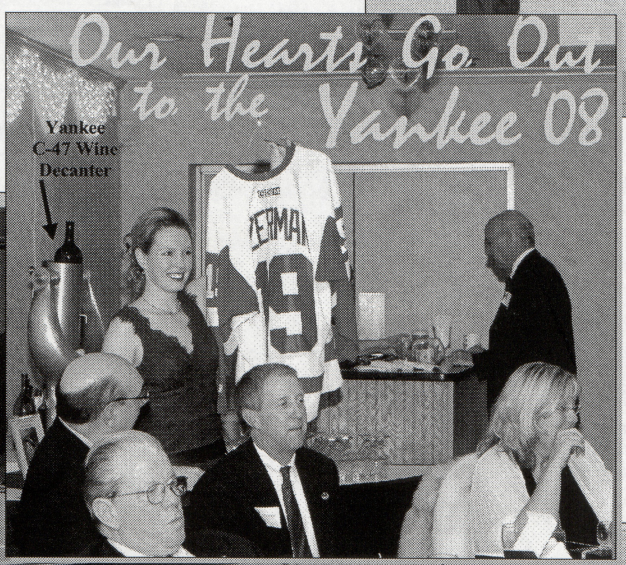
Hearts to Yankee Auction 2008

The Yankee Dinner/Auction held February 16th was a huge success with more than $18,000 being raised for the museum rebuilding. Thanks to all who participated and a special thanks to our table sponsors: Active Aero Group, Kalitta Air, Michigan Aerospace Foundation, VP-93 Alumni Association, Carol Guenther, Quinn Evans Architects, URS Corporation, and the UBS Financial/O'Neill Group.

Reserves were met or exceeded on every item and the Kalitta Air 747 Sim Party topped off the list of big money makers going over the top at $1100. All photos by Yankee's "Photo Dave" Stonoski. See all these and more in color on the web site!

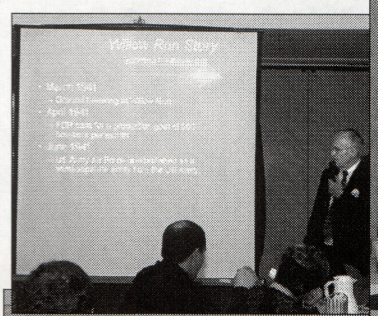


Auctioneer Curtis Kaye, left helps Yankee's **Bob Hynes** at the podium work the crowd, getting extra dollars for FLEX ride items

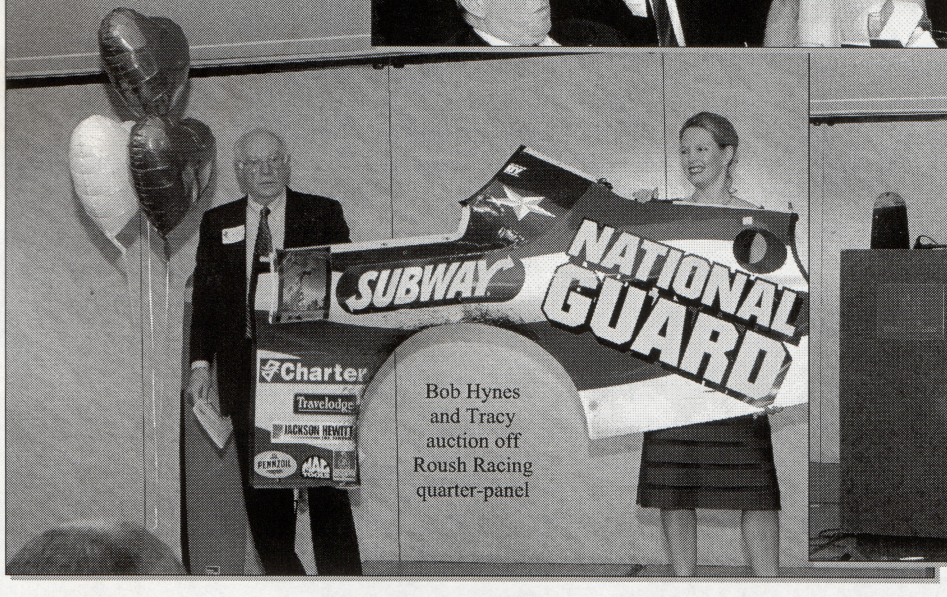


Yankee C-47 Wine Decanter

Below, **Randy Hotton** made his Willow Run and future of Yankee Air Museum presentation.



Yankee member **Bette Kenward,** right made and frosted 25+ dozen heart shaped cookies for party favors for the auction attendees. Left: Tracy Frink helped bidders get a closer look at bid items, including this signed Steve Yzerman jersey. Below: Gayle Drews, with some of the live auction items, thanks the many people who helped make the auction possible.



Bob Hynes and Tracy auction off Roush Racing quarter-panel

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members and Guests Welcome

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Tuesday of months below - 3:00 PM
December, March, June, Sept

Board Meeting
3rd Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
All Members Welcome

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All Department Chairs and Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

1 April-22 June 1945	**Battle of Okinawa.** U.S. Tenth Army completes capture of island in 82 days
3 April1944	**B-24**s and **B-17**s fly first heavy bombing raid on Budapest
3-9 April 2003	**Battle of Baghdad**: 3rd Infantry Division and 1st Marine Division capture the city after several days of hard fighting
4 April 1944	**20th Air Force** activated
7 April 1945	U.S. Navy planes sink Japanese battleship **Yamato** in East China Sea
8 April 1942	U.S. Air Ferry Command begins flights over the Himalayas — the **"Hump"**
8 April 1943	**P-47**s first flown in combat over Europe
10 April 1942	**Bataan Death March** begins
11 April 1991	Persian **Gulf War** cease fire
12 April 1961	First manned **space flight**
12 April 1966	Strategic Air Command **B-52**s bomb North Vietman
13 April 1945	All **B-17** production ended
15 April 1986	USAF **F-111**s strike Libya
16 April 1949	**Berlin Airlift** record: 12,940 tons in 24 hours
18 April 1942	**Doolittle Raid** on Tokyo: 16 **B-25**s fly from deck of the carrier USS Hornet
18 April 1943	**Yamamoto mission.** 18 **P-38**s of 339th Fighter Squadron shot down Admiral Yamamoto's plane over Bougainville, Solomons
18 April 1944	**Ford Willow Run** begins **B-24**J model production
28 April 1942	American Volunteer Group **Flying Tigers** down 22 Japanese aircraft
29 April 1938	First flight of the Y1**B-17**A
30 April 1975	**Vietnam War** ends

March 50/50 won by
Hal Ratzlaff
who donated his half to H-2 maintenance fund

Correction: On page seven of the March issue, should have been Michael O'Leary of *Air Classics* magazine.

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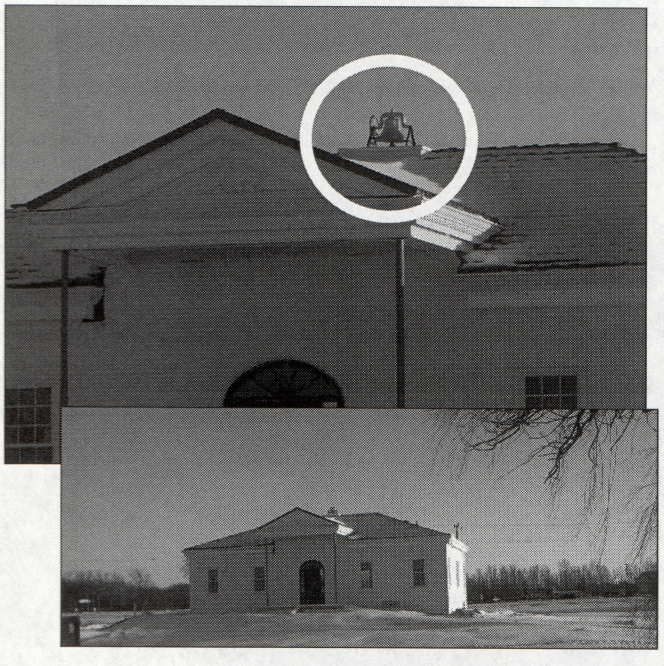
The President's Corner

Dick Stewart

HONORING AVIATION HISTORY AND ITS PARTICIPANTS THROUGH A LIVING, FLYING MUSEUM

We have a Bell!

Work on the schoolhouse will continue when the wx gets better, but here are a couple shots from February showing the progress and the schoolhouse bell, ready to ring in the NEW Yankee Air Museum. **Dan Kenny** from the Saginaw Division donated the bell. Thanks Dan!



Debbie Stewart

It is with the utmost sadness that we inform you that Debbie Stewart died March 12, following complications from surgery earlier in the year. Debbie, wife of president Dick Stewart was the long-time Yankee Events Coordinator and tireless worker for and supporter of the Yankee Air Museum. She will be missed very, very much.

A reception was held at hangar 2 on March 17th following funeral services in Dearborn. The family has asked that anyone wishing to make gifts in memory of Debbie, make them to Yankee Air Museum.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dick and his family at this very difficult time.

CORPORATION TREASURER

For Yankee Air Force dba Yankee Air Museum.

You must be a member in good standing according to Article 1X - 1 of the YAM By-Laws.
Please read the job description in Section 2, 3a, 3b and 3c.
Self-nomination forms are available from Secretary Speed Gant
and are due no later than April 1, 2008.
The Treasurer shall be elected during the regular April, 2008, Board meeting.

BOARD REPORT

20 February 2008
by **Dave Steiner**
Edited by **Dick Stewart**

AGENDA

Call to Order 7:30 PM
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call - Stewart (e) Colwell, (e)
Approval of Agenda
Approval of Minutes: Jan 16
President's Report
Vice President's Report
Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports
Division Reports
Board Member Comments
Member Comments
Break
Executive Session
Adjournment

President's Report – Dick Stewart
Jon Stevens gave the report as President Stewart was with wife Debbie in ICU at the hospital. Jon asked for prayers for Debbie and the Stewart family.
Caribou – some exciting trade possibilities may develop due to the acquisition of this aircraft.
Board Absences – Stewart and **Colwell** were granted excused absences.
New Divisions – a group in Pennsylvania and on the East Coast have approached us about starting new divisions.
Great Lakes Aviation Conference- was a very successful event with some good contacts made; **Randy Hotton** gave two PowerPoint® presentations of the Willow Run Story and future plans for YAM that were very well received.
Committee Appointments – these appointments will be submitted to the Secretary in writing so he can report them to Hangar Happenings for publication in a future newsletter.
$6000 for Aircraft Maintenance – Board approved purchase of a cable swage for use by the AT-11, Flyable, and Restoration Departments.

Vice President's Report – Jon Stevens
Policies & Procedures Manual Status – committee to start meeting again for rewriting.
Committee Appointments – he'll get with Dick and get the appointment names to the Secretary.
Office Location Change – he's moved down the hall to let **Mark Ernst** have a larger office more conducive to meetings, etc.

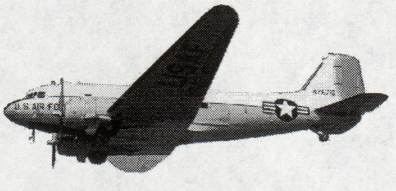
Secretary's Report – Speed Gant
Nominations for Treasurer Procedure – self-nomination forms due, position election has been published in HH (see page 2 of this newsletter).
Memorandum of Understanding Review – tabled.
Grant Request to MAF Update – no response as yet.
Board Connect Training- very valuable session, hope to do it again to show progress. Board members asked to circulate email as a way to decide what will be focus for 2008 Board. What items should be in members' possession prior to the meeting so they can come prepared.
Liquor License – Bistro night – Board approved application for and purchase of a liquor license for the event.

Treasurer's Report - Don Brackett
YAM P&L – to be sent to Board in advance of meeting.
Balance Sheet and YTD figures – we're about $70K in the red for January.
YAM Accounts Receivable – couple things outstanding.
PRR Progress for 2008 – new PRR forms are in place.

Division Reports
Willow Run – annuals are pretty much completed; just awaiting good weather for engine run-ups.
Northeast – no report.
Saginaw Valley **– Dan Kenny** – contacted Brad Jarvis of Saginaw Valley University and hope to get some things going in cooperation with the University. Harry Browne Airport (KHYX) will have an Open House June 14. They also will be cooperating with the Castle Museum and the Historical Society of Saginaw County for a May program.
Wurtsmith – they had a water pipe burst; luckily it didn't cause too much damage, but they are arguing about their water bill with the landlord.

Executive Session
The Board met in closed session following the break.

Members only - C-47 rides at YIP



Have you always wanted to ride on the ***Yankee Doodle Dandy,*** but just couldn't take time off to go on an excursion or have time to go to an airshow? Well here's your chance. The excursion trips department will be offering 30 minute rides on the "Doug" around the Detroit area for **only $50**. The first flight is scheduled for Wednesday June 18. So you will also have a chance to see the B-17 and B-25 FLEX rides going up.

Call **Neoma** or **Jack (734) 546-8002** or **(313) 274-8655**, 10am-4pm, M-F,
E-mail c47flights@yankeeairmuseum.org

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM 13TH ANNUAL BOMBER BUFFING POLISHING PARTY & NEW MEMBER KICK-OFF DRIVE HANGAR 2 - WILLOW RUN AIRPORT

Saturday, April 5th - doors open 9am

Bring plenty of clean soft towels and **NEW** this year Norm is specifying **Mequiar's** polish available in the automotive sections of most stores. This is a FREE event and the public is invited to help us make the planes shine for the coming flying season. You'll never get closer to a warbird than you will at this ***exclusive Yankee event***. Last year we had more than 200 buffers and were able to get all three aircraft polished in record time. The planes had never looked better. For more details see the web site or call (734) 483-4030. Lunch will be served.

COFFEE **for sale, 50/50 raffle, retail sales, custom-made Dog Tags for sale, NEW membership incentives, free lunch and more!**

SPECIAL NEW MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE APRIL 5TH ONLY
BECOME A NEW MEMBER ON POLISHING PARTY DAY AND GET A FREE COCKPIT PHOTO IN THE AIRCRAFT OF YOUR CHOICE
JOIN AS A LIFE OR SENIOR LIFE MEMBER AND GET A COCKPIT PHOTO IN ALL THREE AIRCRAFT!

Photos will be taken after lunch by Yankee's "*Photo Dave*" when the planes are done

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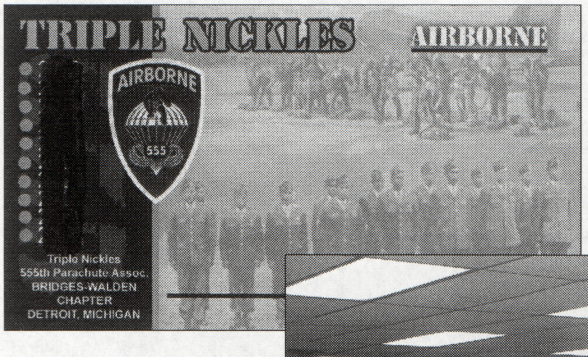
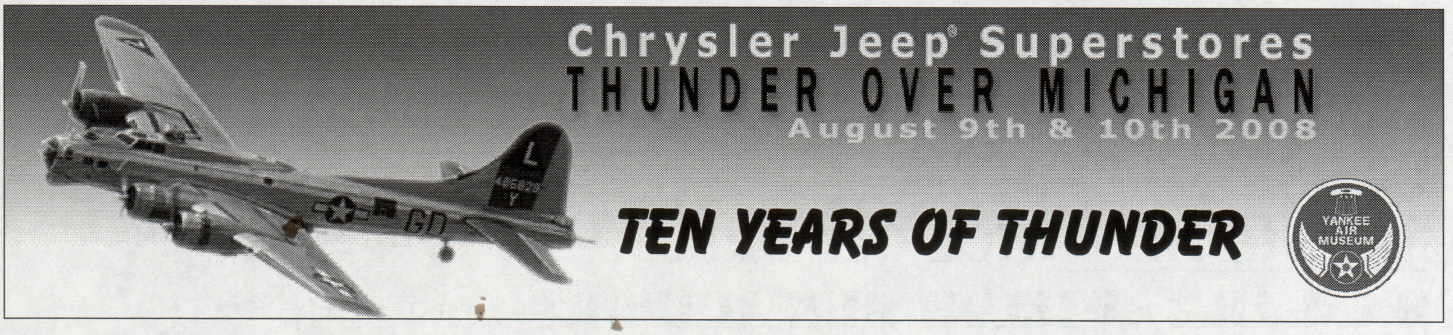


Triple Nickles Movie Night Very Educational

The story of the Triple Nickles Parachute Infantry Regiment is very interesting and was enjoyed by the movie goers on Feb 23rd. These pioneering Black soldiers thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to come out and tell their story. We hope to have this group back again and include them in other Yankee events as we have with the Tuskegee Airmen.

Why the "nickle" misspelling? An original member explained that somebody made a mistake and it just stuck, and was never corrected. Typical Army.

We thank them for coming out to Yankee and look forward to seeing them again. See more pictures of this event in color on the Yankee Photo Gallery and also check out the Triple Nickle web site www.triplenickle.com where you can order Triple Nickle gear.



Volunteers Needed for the Show

If you volunteered last year for a specific department and wish to do so again, you should contact your department head about volunteering again this year. If you are a new volunteer or member, contact your department head or Pat McHugh (see pg 14) about where you might fit in. Here are some other possibilities. Contact Dave Steiner dsteiner@blackmoreco.com

A-Team: admissions team, maybe the most important group at the air show, they'll take money and tickets at the gate and make sure patrons get into the airfield as expeditiously as possible. You'll work in two person teams, 0700 hrs-1100 hrs, or 1100 hrs–until about 1500 hrs.

Cardboard Crushing Crew: recycling cardboard saves Yankee a lot of money on disposal costs. The crew flattens boxes for pickup and recycling at the end of the day. These folks roam the ramp and help out the Grunts as needed.

Garbage Grunts: ask any Grunt, they'll tell you it is the best job at the air show. They roam the ramp, keeping it clean and tidy, and they received many compliments from air show patrons last year. Grunts are also very accessible to the crowd and often act as an information resource for attendees. Grunts are the mortal enemies of FOD (foreign objects & debris). At the end of the day when everyone else has to leave, it is just the Grunts, the airplanes and the garbage. Grunts say it is a religious experience to be out on the ramp without anyone else around. If you are lucky, you might get to work with soon-to-be 78 year old Grunt Super-Star **Dave Mente** - if you think you can keep up with him. You'll not find more dedicated or hardworking Grunts than Co Captains **Russ Possley** and **John Dusbiber**. The air show isn't over, until the Grunts say it is over and leave the ramp at the end of the day. The few, the proud, the Grunts! **GRUNTS ROCK!**

SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday June 28th 1pm, Hangar-2 Volunteer Round Up - sign up and/or meet with team captains to find out more about the show and how you can volunteer and where they are still needed. For veteran volunteers or rookies.

Saturday July 26th 1pm, Hangar-2 Volunteer Mass Meeting - final briefing for what to expect from air show coordinators Kevin Walsh and Mike Luther. And get your volunteer T-Shirt.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THUNDER AND BUY TICKETS
LINK FROM THE YANKEE WEB SITE WWW.YANKEEAIRMUSEUM.ORG

Can't work the show? Here is the information on advance ticket sales. The earlier you buy the more you save

Advance Ticket Sales - also available by calling (800) 585-3737

Purchase your tickets by March 31st and save 60% off the regular admission gate price and 50% off the parking admission.

ON SALE NOW!

	SAVE 60%	SAVE 40%	SAVE 20%	Regular Price
	Until Mar 31	Apr 1 - Jun 30	Jul 1 - Aug 8	At the Gate *
Adult (16+)	$10	$15	$20	$25
Parking	$5	$5	$5	$10
Kids (0-15)	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE

* Regular Admission price at the gate is cash only.

** Don't forget to purchase your discounted parking pass when you order your gate tickets online!

Tickets also on sale at selected Meijer stores after May 1st.

New for 2008! The Flight Line Chalet!

This new chalet is an exclusive tented area that affords excellent viewing of the Chrysler Jeep Superstores Thunder Over Michigan show. The Flight Line Chalet is a spacious chalet area designed for you and your guests to enjoy some shade and have access to tables and chairs for relaxation.

Limit 300 persons/day. Adult Flight Line Tickets (ages 16+) are $25/per person/per day in advance and $40/per person/per day if purchased at the show site. Kids 15 and under are FREE when accompanied by an adult into the Flight Line Chalet.

"Stranger Honors Fallen Flushing Soldier"

Man in Netherlands tries to unravel the mystery of Flushing soldier killed in World War II

Staff writer Beata Mostafavi Flint Journal, November 6, 2007
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His grave blends into rows of white cross headstones and a lawn speckled with burnt-orange leaves in Belgium, too easily forgotten so far away from home. Staff Sgt. Harold W. Trerice of Flushing hasn't had many visitors since he died in combat in 1945 during World War II.

But one stranger wants to make sure he's remembered. On special days, such as Christmas, Memorial Day and Jan. 3 -- the day Trerice was killed in action -- Dennis Notenboom drives 150 miles from a small village in the Netherlands to visit and decorate Trerice's burial site. Notenboom, 31, doesn't know much about Trerice, who was killed a generation before he was born. But the fallen soldier and Purple Heart recipient means something to the Dutch citizen -- the sacrifice someone else made so he and his wife could raise their children in a free and peaceful western Europe.

"Adopting Trerice's gravesite is the least we can do to show our gratitude and respect for what so many soldiers from far over the Atlantic did for us in Europe 60 years ago," Notenboom wrote in an e-mail to The Flint Journal. "This way, these young men who gave their lives for our freedom were not forgotten because the adoptants keep the memories alive," he said of the adoption program that started in 1946 and includes nearly 7,500 adopted soldiers.

On his visits, Notenboom graces the gravesite with tulips and pays respect in his own thoughts and words. Notenboom has adopted a handful of soldiers during the past year, inspired by stories of other adoptants he found on a Dutch Web site. Meanwhile, he's also searching for Trerice's Michigan relatives. "I want to connect to the family ... to let them know that someone is watching over their beloved one," he wrote, adding he wants to learn more about Trerice's life. "The more you get to 'know' this soldier, the more you are connected with him and his family." Trerice was from the 401st Glider Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, and is buried at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery and Memorial in Belgium. He is among 7,992 people buried there, most of whom were killed during the advance of the U.S. forces into Germany. Near the 57-acre cemetery, where headstones are arranged in gentle arcs, is a view of the rolling Belgian countryside, once a battlefield.

Trerice lived at 240 Lynn St. in Flushing and was survived by his wife, Lila, according to Flint Journal archives. Notenboom's own research, which included help from people in the U.S., indicated that Trerice was 22 when he enlisted, and his parents were Ida May and Harold. He apparently also had an older sister, Eleanor. Notenboom, who works as a process operator at Shell Chemicals in Moerdijk and lives in the southwest part of the province of Zuid Holland in the Netherlands, is involved with various groups related to World War II. He also makes display cases of the people he adopts.

His efforts impress Len Thomas of Swartz Creek, who has been finding unmarked graves of Civil War veterans in area cemeteries. "For someone who is 31, that's pretty remarkable," said Thomas, 67, a genealogist and retired Flint administrator. "That's pretty marvelous that they would take the effort to do that and probably don't even have a clue as to who this person is. It's looking back and honoring these people." He said it's quite a contrast to stories of young people desecrating gravesites. Notenboom said that when his daughter Sanne, 4, and son Brent, 2, are older, he hopes to take them along to the sites and have them adopt their own soldiers. "They must know what happened during that terrible time and realize that something (like that) must never happen again," he said. "The way I and my family are looking at it, he gave his life for us to live our lives like we do."

Editor's note: Dennis Notenboom is visiting the States this spring and will be staying with Matthew Hilton-Watson a professor at U of M Flint who lives in Flushing, Michigan. Dennis will be presenting his story to some school children while there. Matthew contacted Bob Hynes asking if he and Dennis might visit Yankee Air Museum sometime in early May. It goes without saying that we'll be glad to have them.

In Memory Of...

Doug Feison
February 17, 2008
Lima, OH
Doug didn't get up to YIP very much but he always showed up whenever the B-17 or B-25 were in Ohio or Indiana, stay overnight at his own expense and help out wherever needed.

Gerritt W. Fitzgerald
January 17, 2008 age 90
G 8966 WR
Flew B-17's in the war, in 2005 donated some of his uniforms and papers to Yankee Air Museum

Debbie Stewart
March 12, 2008
Age 53

WANTED

THE YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
WANTS YOU
TO RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER

The Membership Department is pleased to announce that beginning February 1st, 2008, any member who recruits a new General or Life member* will receive one free adult general admission ticket to

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN '08

These numbered tickets will be awarded to the recruiting member, but may be reassigned to anyone. They will make great gifts to family members, friends, the newly recruited member, or used to recruit another new member. Tickets will be honored at the gate upon entry. Does not include parking charges, souvenirs, refreshments or any other fees. Tickets are not redeemable – there is no monetary value.

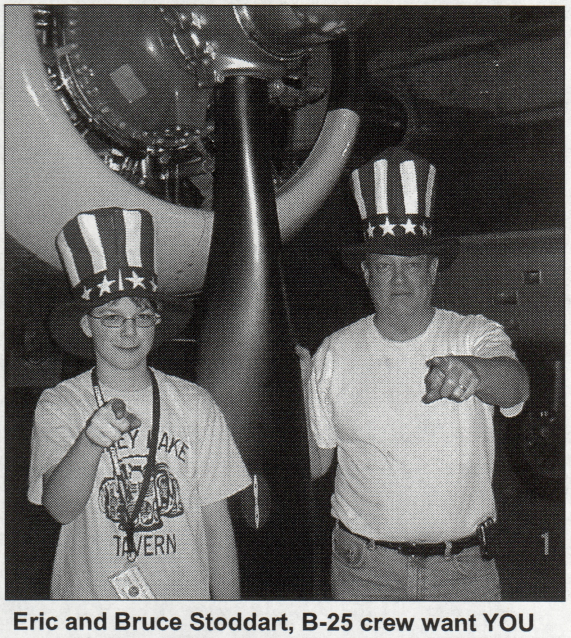
Additionally, the Membership Department shall award a lapel pin to members for Five (5), Ten (10) and Twenty-Five (25) new members recruited. This is a reinstatement of a former recruiting program and will use existing membership data.

DO YOUR PART - GO GET A NEW MEMBER.

* New Members Only – Renewals or Former Members Not Eligible

Double Membership the Easy Way

If everyone of us buys a new membership for a friend or relative who has expressed an interest in Yankee, but just needs a little help to get started, our membership would double... *instantly!* Many of us got started with a gift membership and have just kept renewing. So think about who you might buy one for. They'll be sure to thank you!



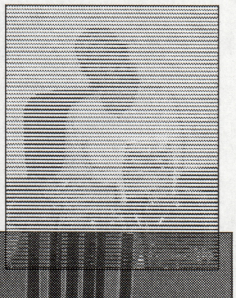
Eric and Bruce Stoddart, B-25 crew want YOU to help recruit new members. Photo Jim Race (They know the answer on page 9 too!)

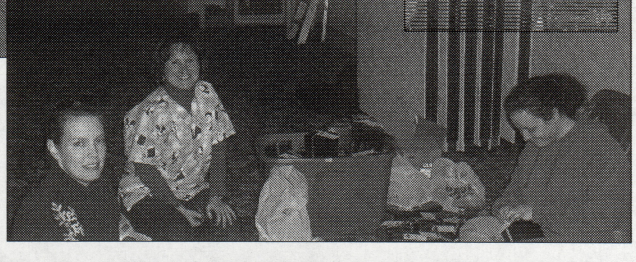
Membership forms may be filled out and printed from the Yankee web site. Just enclose a check or fill in the credit card information and send it in!

Help us Get Growing! Cockpit Photo for those joining April 5th!

Thanks to these AWESOME auction helpers the venue was set up in record time: Back row, Dennis Kenward, Mel Pomerantz, Russ Possley. Middle row, Tracy McHugh, Phil Howard, Gary King, Peter Bielskis and James Janosko. Front, Bette Watson. Photos by Drano

Right: Gayle Drews, museum curator, etc., what would we do without her! Below, Tracy Frink, Bette Kenward and Jeanette Luke (FoMoCo) Thank you all!!





Restoration Department News by Lou Farkas

"Preserve Rather Than Restore – Restore Rather Than Replace"

Winter is still here, but by the time you read this, the temps should be on the way up and spring flowers popping through the ground (or snow).

Before I forget again, **Bill Czinski** also helped on the van and has been a big help all around the Hangar. Thanks, Bill! Glad you're a member of YAM.

As I mentioned last month, **Ernie Panizzoli** and I went out to Arizona to look at some parts. It was a great success. For the PB4Y, we found a Southern PB4Y tail turret, missing only the glass. It comes complete with hydraulic pack and manuals. The second find was an ERCO 250SH nose Turret about 95% complete – no glass, dome or guns, but comes with operational spares – motors, gear boxes, etc.) and manuals. We were also able to get some good landing gears (mains and nose) complete with tires, wheels, bearings and races.

For the Building 4 (Museum) at our new campus, we came up with a lot of parts enabling us to construct our full sized mock-up of a B-24. Some of the parts are: A green house from a B-24D, part of a nose section from B-24 s/n 40-2369 (the bombardier and navigator's area), approximately 26 feet of the tail of a PB4Y that can be converted to look like a B-24. Also found one set of ailerons, both left and right, for a B-24 and many small parts. These parts, along with some that we located in California, will really help Ernie with his B-24 project.

In other news, work continues on the Ranger. Those cylinders are still giving **Joe Amend** a hard time, but I know he can do it. Speaking of Joe, he has agreed to take on the crew chief position on the PB4Y, once we get back in the Air Park. We have a plan of attack for it now that we have some of the key components that were missing. Our friend in Arizona is looking for the right turret. He has a couple of good leads.

While it looks like nothing is being done on the DC9 simulator, **Rick Tischler** has been busy at home working on some programs that will be incorporated into the sim. Sounds good to me since to me booting a computer means you have to kick it.

Across the way at the 720 sim. we're still looking for someone with good woodworking skills.

While Ernie and I were in Arizona, **Pete Morris** really did some great work on the Lycoming engine. The detail work is great, but don't tell him I said that because he'll want another raise.

As we go down the hall, we stop at the Link trainer room. Not much going on there, but those guys deserve a break. What they have done so far is just over the top. Speaking about the Link trainer guys, **Ray Jackson** stopped in and is looking good. He still has to take it easy though, so we won't dock his pay by too much.

Down at the SPAD, **Bill Rodgers** and his crew are going great guns. The wing room that **David** and **Kyle Medley** put up looks great and is really helpful. Right now, it's being used to make the tail feathers for the SPAD.

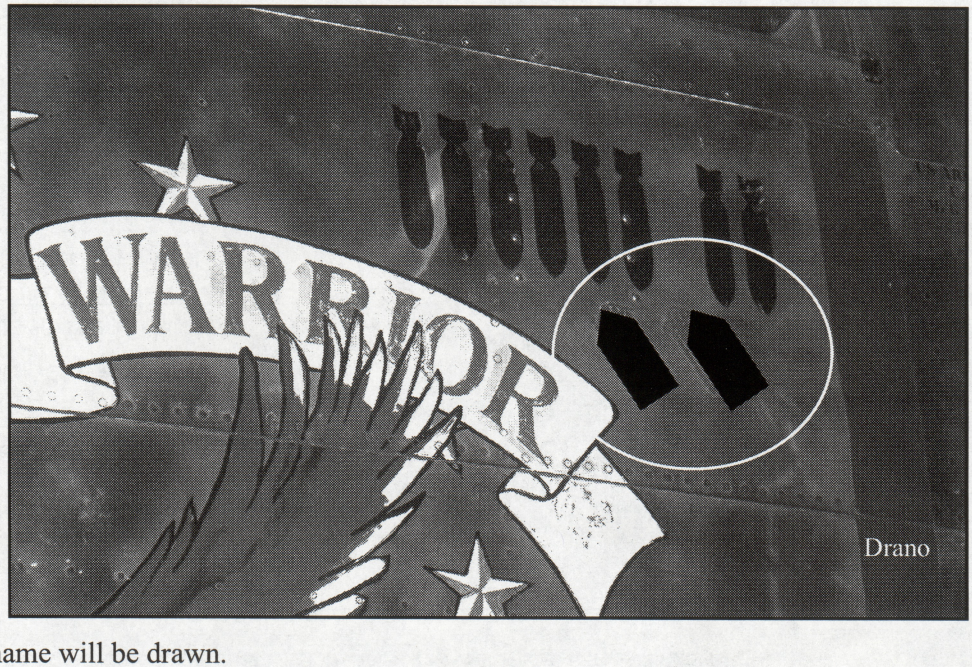
Across from the SPAD, **Bob Sloan** has been busy in the Caribou, doing some inside clean-up and running some temporary lights inside.

New members this month are: **Roger Kelcherman** (Thanks, Bill!), **Dr. Stan** and **Rita Levy** (Thanks, Gene!), and **Bill Umbarger**. If you want to join this fine group of people, please give me a call.

Remember, being a member of the Yankee Air Museum is fun, but being a member of Restoration is more fun.

What's this? Yankee Member Only Contest

If you think you know the meaning of the two items in the circle to the right (aircrews and Hangar regulars are not eligible) submit your answer via email to hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org or call the Hangar Happenings line (734) 483-4030 ext 247 and leave a voice message.



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In your email or voice mail, include your name, member number and phone number. Deadline is April 30.

The winner, drawn from all the correct answers submitted will get a B-25 cockpit photo-op taken by Yankee's "Photo Dave" Stonoski on Memorial Day when the aircraft returns from parade flyovers. If you can't make Memorial Day, another name will be drawn. Good luck. Hint: you won't find the answer on Google®

Last year Bob, in apron on the left, helped out by grilling sausages and brought this entire gang to enjoy Memorial Day. A wedding conflict involving his daughter getting married over the weekend this year precludes him from working the event, but he'll be out to enjoy some Yankee pancakes and sausages grilled by Pete the Sausage Guy.

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HELP WANTED

VISITOR'S DEPARTMENT NEEDS DOCENTS AND TOUR GUIDES FOR THE SUMMER SEASON.

WE ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HAVE VISITORS IN THE HANGAR UNLESS ESCORTED. WE WOULD LIKE TO OFFER GUIDED TOURS OF THE HANGAR AND SHOPS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH DOCENTS AT THIS TIME TO DO THIS.

PLEASE CONTACT DAVE WRIGHT (734) 483-4030 ext 236

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You gotta go on this proposed trip, maybe the greatest C-47 excursion since the flight to see *Glacier Girl*

The folks associated with this grass-strip on the Ohio River near Madison, Indiana, are kindred spirits to Yankee. This start-up airfield/museum for classic aircraft (but all are welcome) has an event for PR and fundraising. It is the wood, fabric and tail-dragger fly-in the last weekend in September every year. So we are soliciting Yankee members to go on this unique C-47 excursion to check it out. Cost will be about $300 each for the 1:40 flight. Head out Saturday morning, camp out under the wing of our Doug (yes!) or hotels are available. There's a BBQ Saturday night and we'll head back Sunday. Check out their great web site www.LeeBottom.com to see lots of photos of the event in years past.

If you'd like to go on this trip, please contact Dave Steiner, dsteiner@blackmoreco.com or Ray Hunter, HuntersofA2@aol.com

Don't miss this trip!

2008 C-47 EXCURSION SCHEDULE

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	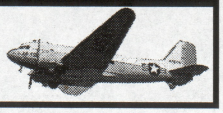

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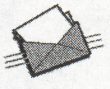

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Wednesday	May 21	Kalamazoo Air Zoo	Kalamazoo. MI	$100.00
Tuesday	June 03	National Museum USAF	Dayton, OH	$175.00
Tuesday	June 10	Mackinac Island (land on the island)		$230.00
Tuesday	June 17	Niagara Falls	(American side)	$250.00
Tuesday	June 24	Burke Lakefront (KBKL)	Cleveland, OH	$130.00
		IWASM@, Great Lakes Science Center, Wm G Mather freighter		
		Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, WWII USS COD Submarine		
Wednesday	July 09	Yankee Air Museum Wurtsmith	Oscoda, MI	$135.00
		Kalitta Air 747 works		
Monday	July 28	EAA AirVenture 2008 Airshow	Oshkosh, WI	$280.00*
Wednesday	July 30	EAA AirVenture 2008 Airshow	Oshkosh, WI	$280.00*
Thursday	July 31	EAA AirVenture 2008 Airshow	Oshkosh, WI	$280.00*
Saturday	August 02	EAA AirVenture 2008 Airshow	Oshkosh, WI	$280.00*
Tue/Wed	August 12-13	Mackinac Island / Soo Locks		$385.00**
Tue/Thu	August 19-21	Washington, DC		$700.00***
Tuesday	August 26	Burke Lakefront (KBKL)	Cleveland, OH	$130.00
		IWASM@, Great Lakes Science Center, Wm G Mather freighter		
		Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, WWII USS COD Submarine		
Tuesday	September 09	National Museum USAF	Dayton, OH	$175.00

*Includes $25.00 Airshow Admission Fee **Includes Lodging for One Night, Double Occupancy
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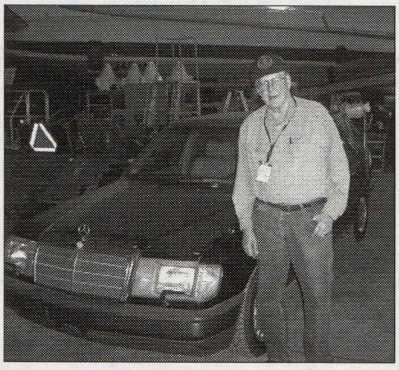


Yankee member **Bill Kinney,** winner of the Yankee Air Museum Mercedes raffle poses Feb 16th next to his new conveyance that he drove out of Hangar-2 March 1st. Thanks to all who purchased tickets and congratulations to Bill for having the winning ticket!

Want to Get on the "A-list" for Going to Airshows? Volunteer to Operate the Dog Tag Machine

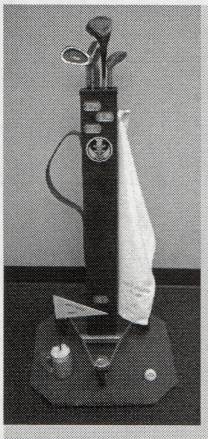
There is only one scheduled Dog Tag class remaining. If you can't make that but you'd like to "get certified" and be listed on the "preferred aircrew" list contact Dave Steiner at hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org or call (734) 483-4030 ext 247, or Dale Worcester, (734) 483-4030 ext 228. dale.worcester@yankeeairmuseum.org

Making Dog Tags is one of the most profitable things we do at airshows. Airshow crew coordinator Dale is always looking for people to spread the work around. The class cost is $2 for the tag you'll make and keep to show you are certified! We need people to make Dog Tags at the Polishing Party and on FLEX ride Wednesday nights all next summer. There are always a lot of observers/relatives of riders in the Hangar and a Dog Tag is something they can take home as a memento of the event.

Class will be held following the General Membership Meeting April 2nd

ATTENTION DOG TAG MACHINE CADETS

Linda Terentiak, Dog Tag Machine operator extraordinaire, will be at the Polishing Party to show you all you need to know to efficiently operate the machines. This will be a continuation of the class you took, so show up if you can, observe and make a few tags. You don't want to head to an air show cold turkey !



The Yankee Golf War is looking for a sponsor for the September event, $200 is needed to reserve the course, payable soon. Players on the winning team have their names immortalized on a dog tag affixed to the IRON BAG trophy made with steel from the old Hangar

Contact Dave *Drano* Steiner dsteiner@blackmoreco.com.

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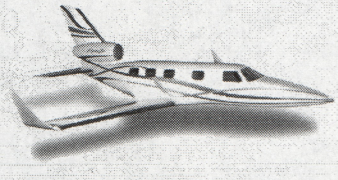

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MEMORIAL DAY
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
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Willow Run Airport east side
May 26th near the
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Pancakes 8 am to noon
Hot Dog Lunch

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50/50 for a ride in a Stearman Biplane
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VIP seating available
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Pancakes in 20 minutes or less or you'll be entered into a drawing for an hour long ride in a Cessna 172 with Yankee's Director of Flt Ops Randy Hotton

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Volunteers needed for Memorial Day

Saturday set up from 10-2 (pizza lunch)

Monday
Parking Flag wavers
Ticket table
Help for Pete the Sausage Guy
OJ maker
Coffee and Donut table
Wait staff for the VIP area
Yankee Hot Dog Cart
Garbage Grunts (GRUNTS ROCK!)

50/50 drawing for Stearman ride

Contact Dave Steiner
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Yankee Speakers Bureau Schedule

March 27
NASA Glenn Research Center
Cleveland, OH

Hamburg Historical Museum
Hamburg, MI

May 1
Northville District Library
Ypsilanti Library

May 10
Men of Today
Renaissance Unity Church, Warren

June 5
Presque Isle Men's Club
Presque Isle, MI

To schedule a speaker for your group contact Bob Hynes
bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org

Yankee Membership numbers as of Feb 23rd

Northeast Division (based in NJ)	45
Saginaw Division (MI)	26
Wurstmith Division (Oscoda, MI)	55
Willow Run Division	2447

WANT SOMETHING TO DO ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHAT?
NEED SOMETHING DONE ... BUT DON'T KNOW WHO?

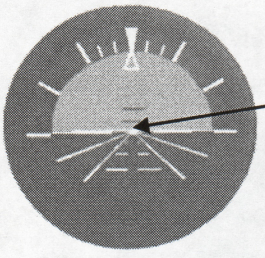
Pat McHugh is our Volunteer Coordinator. Contact Pat to see how your unique talents and skills, just plain volunteer spirit can help Yankee Air Museum rebuild, grow and succeed!

(734) 483-4030 ext 246
pat.mchugh@yankeeairmuseum.org

If you have a job to be done, Pat suggests that you write a brief description of what you need done, when, how long it might take, and any special skills that might be required.

Pat will match a volunteer to the job!

ON THE HORIZON



AIR PARK
East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck and Ecorse Roads

HANGAR
Southwest side of Willow Run Airport
in Hangar 2

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APRIL

Saturday 5th

Polishing Party - see details on page 5 about this very popular event. Public invited. Lunch is served. **Keith Jones** is already thinking about the food and **Dan Tomczak** has purchased a calculator to make sure he gets the hot-dog-to-bun ratio correct this year. **Jim Redick** and the ramp crew will again help supervise the enthusiastic Bomber Buffers.

SPECIAL NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE *APRIL 5TH ONLY*
JOIN AND GET A COCKPIT PHOTO*!*

Saturday 19th

Italian Bistro & Wine Tasting*!* Details on back page

MAY

Monday 26th

Annual Memorial Day Observance, Pancake Breakfast & BLOOD DRIVE
In the Airpark. Near the old Hangar site; come out, start the summer and commemorate the day with Yankee Air Museum. This year will be our second annual blood drive set up in conjunction with the Red Cross. We need at least 25 donors, so please sign up.
Contact Dave Steiner hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org

JUNE

Saturday 28th

Thunder Volunteer Round Up - 1pm Hangar 2
Last chance to volunteer and get on the list for a Thunder T-Shirt, but best to volunteer before this meeting to make sure we have enough staffing.
400 Volunteers needed to put on the show

JULY

Saturday 26th

Thunder Volunteer Mass Briefing - 1pm Hangar 2

Yankee Air Show Schedule is Posted on the Web Site

Bookmark www.yankeeairmuseum.org on your browser

Click on Yankee Photo Gallery for COLOR pics from this issue of HH and MUCH MORE*!*

PLEASE PHONE FOR DETAILS **(734) 483-4030.** WATCH FOR UPDATES AT **www.yankeeairmuseum.org.**

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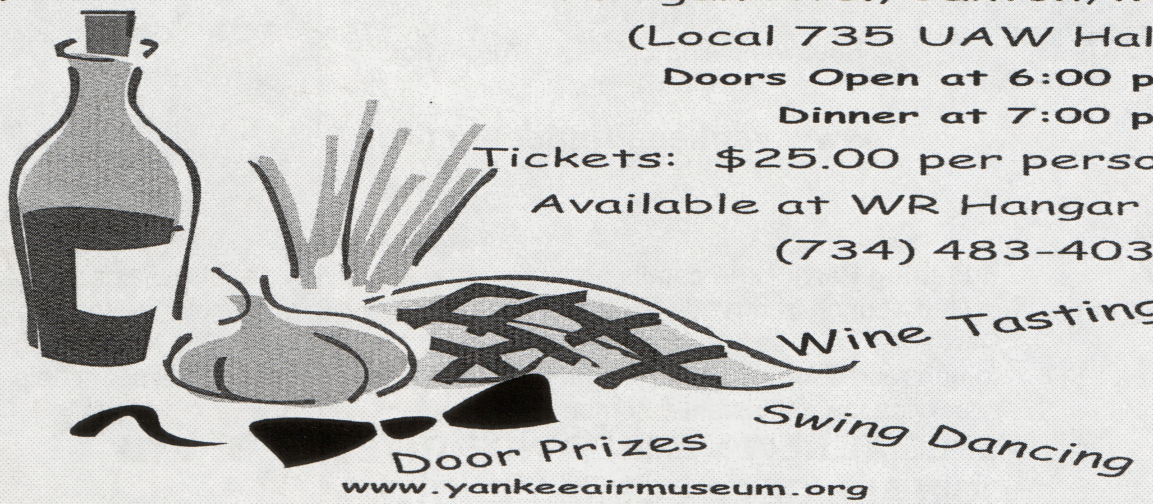

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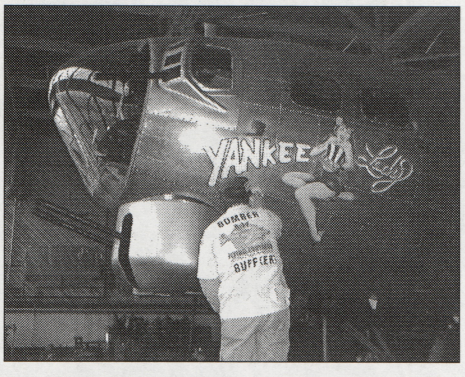

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